

"A LONG TIME AGO - 56 MILLION YEARS TO BE PRECISE - SOMETHING HAPPENED."

"THE FIRST FREE-THINKING MECHANICALS SPRANG SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY FROM THE SIZZLING GEOSTRATA OF A METALLIC PLANET."

"SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."

"AND I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT YES, THIS WAS ONLY A MATTER OF CHANCE."

"AS REPORTED IN THE PORTLAND ORACLE, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1984."

"BUT WHAT THE ORACLE FAILS TO MENTION, WHAT IT CANNOT POSSIBLY KNOW, IS THAT THE EXPLOSION REACTIVATED THE ON BOARD COMPUTER

OF AN ALIEN  
SPACECRAFT THAT  
HAD BEEN WEDGED  
AT THE VOLCANO'S  
BASE FOR FOUR  
MILLION YEARS."

"THE COMPUTER BEGAN REPAIRING THE SPACESHIP'S OCCUPANTS..."

"...THE SPACESHIP'S BEING  
THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS  
OF THOSE FIRST FEW FREE-  
THINKING PROTOFORMS."

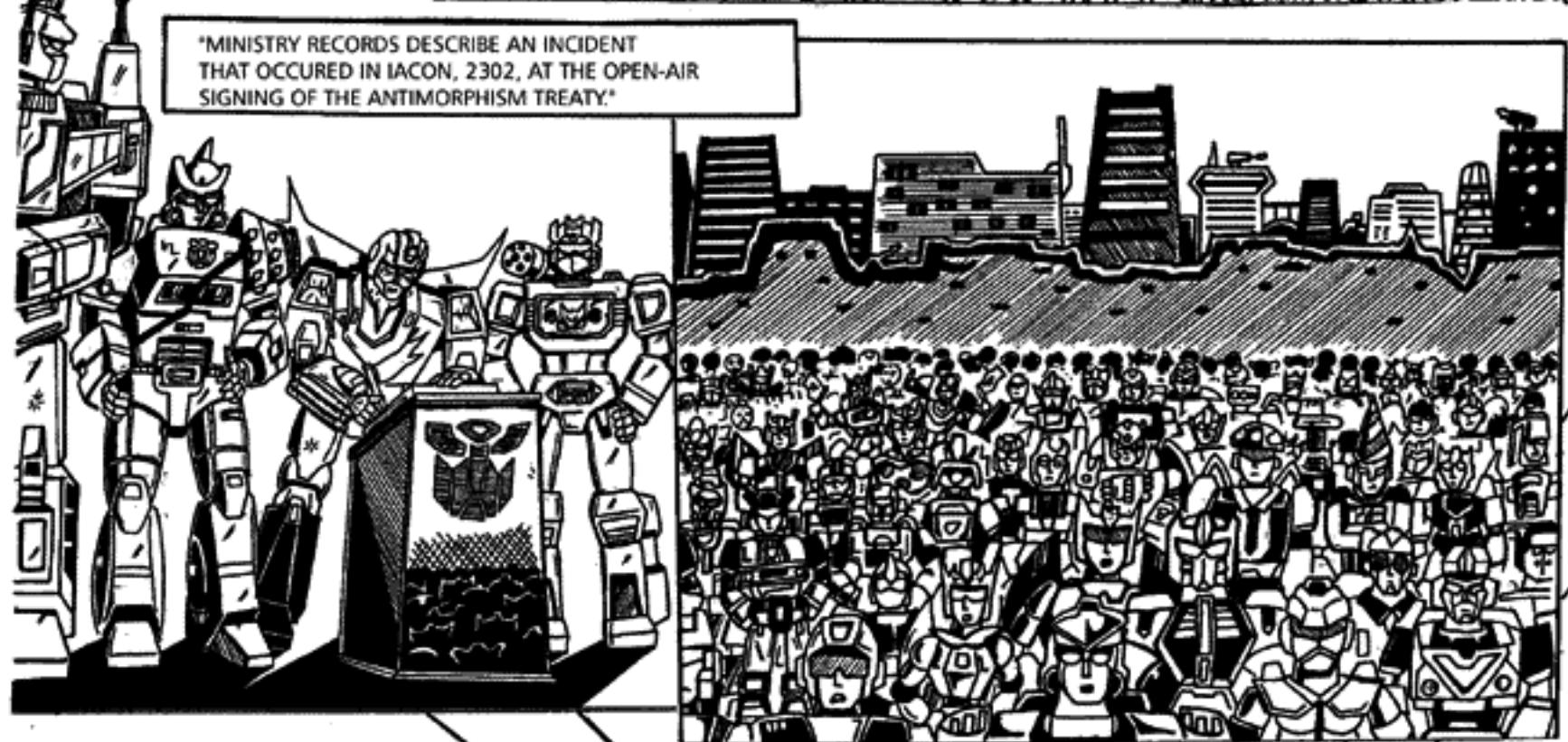
"THERE IS A STORY OF A LONG-DORMANT VOLCANO SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY SHEDDING ITS LOAD."

"SPONTANEOUS ERUPTION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."

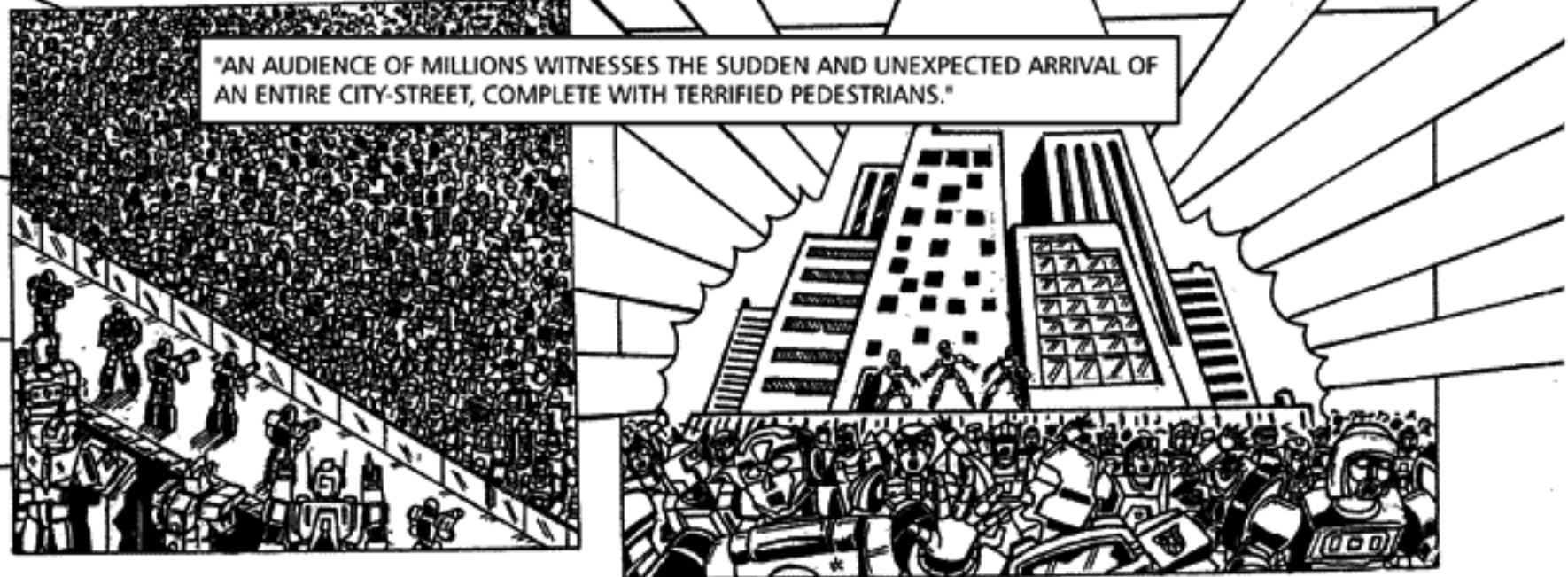
"AND I'M TRYING TO THINK THAT THIS WAS ONLY A MATTER OF CHANCE."



"MINISTRY RECORDS DESCRIBE AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURED IN IAON, 2302, AT THE OPEN-AIR SIGNING OF THE ANTIMORPHISM TREATY."



"AN AUDIENCE OF MILLIONS WITNESSES THE SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF AN ENTIRE CITY-STREET, COMPLETE WITH TERRIFIED PEDESTRIANS."



"SPONTANEOUS MATERIALISATION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."



"AND IT IS THE HUMBLE OPINION OF THIS NARRATOR THAT THIS IS NOT JUST 'SOMETHING THAT JUST HAPPENED'; THIS CANNOT BE 'ONE OF THOSE THINGS'."

"THIS, PLEASE, CANNOT BE THAT..."





TRANSFORMERS UK PRESENTS STAR SABER IN  
"LIARS, A TO D" SCRIPT JAMES ROBERTS  
ARTWORK MATT DALLAS LETTERS GRAHAM THOMSON

"PARTLY OVERCAST WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAD ZONE FALLOUT,  
FORCE 10 GRIT-WINDS, 67% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RIM."

WITH AUTOBASE DESTROYED AND THE SO-CALLED  
RESISTANCE IN ITS DEATH THROES, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A  
BETTER TIME TO JOIN THE DECEPTICON ARMY!

EVER SINCE THE SPECTACULAR COUP D'ETAT IN 9TH CYCLE 549, THE  
DECEPTICON JUNTA HAS BEEN RECRUITING THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS,  
FROM BUDDING ANARCHISTS TO EX-THEOSCIENTISTS, FIRST CHURCHERS...



...TO NEWLY-SCULPTED PROTOFORMS. HOW ELSE COULD WE HAVE  
MAINTAINED CONTROL OF CYBERTRON FOR SO LONG? IF YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR PIECE OF MIND, OR A CHANCE TO INDULGE YOUR BLOOD  
LUST, OR JUST GUARANTEE THAT YOU WON'T BE ONE OF THE...



...THOUSANDS KILLED IN THE IMMINENT CULLING OF EVERY CIVILIAN  
SETTLEMENT, NOW'S THE TIME TO JOIN UP. WHO RETURNED CYBERTRON  
TO ITS ORIGINAL ORBIT IN 2000? THE DECEPTICONS! WHO IS COMMITTED  
TO REJUVENATING THIS WORLD? THE DECEPTICONS!



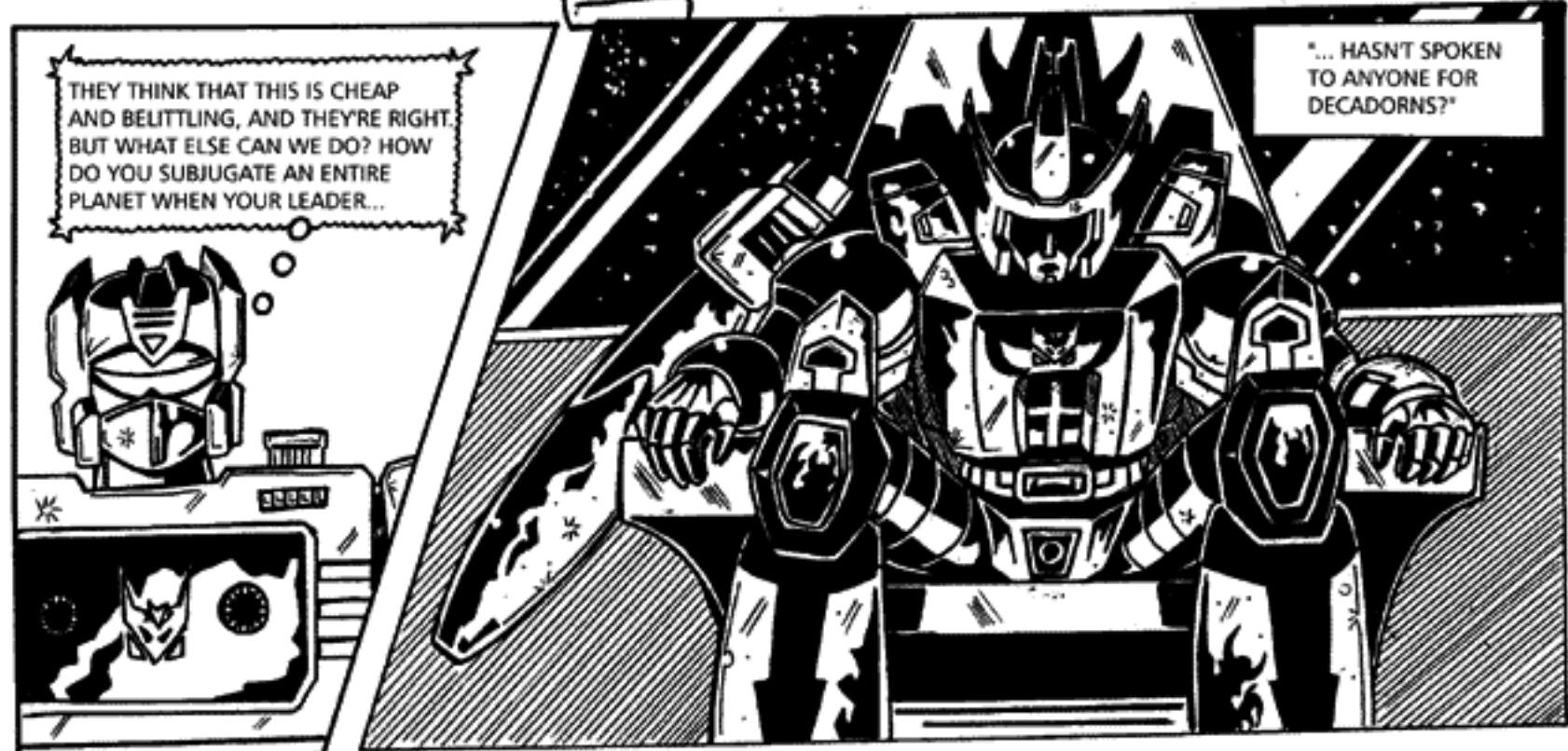
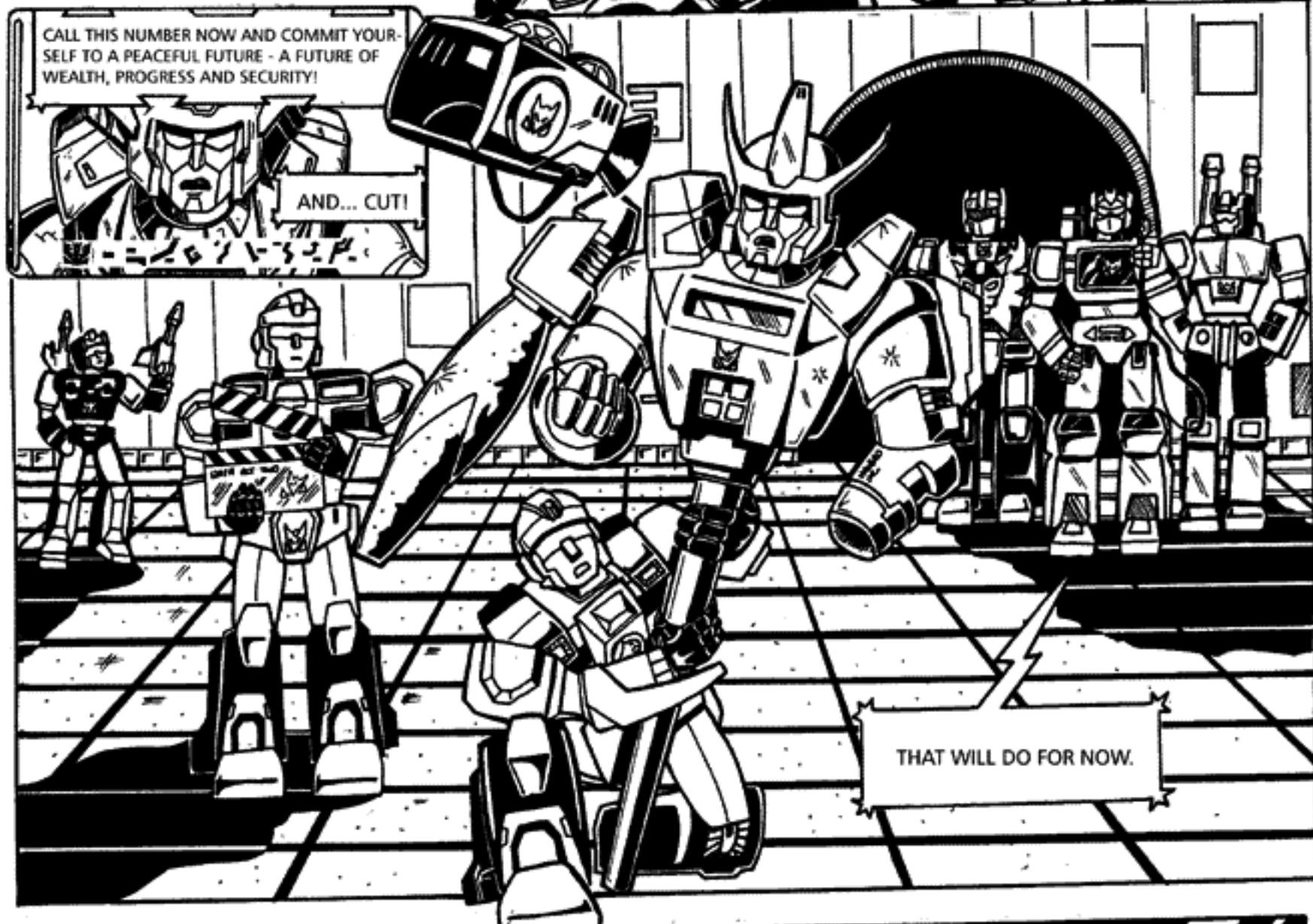
DEEP INSIDE THE NEW AUTOBASE

PLEDGE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE DECEPTICON  
CAUSE AND HELP CRUSH THE AUTOBOTS AND  
THEIR OUT-DATED, SELF-DEFEATING CODE OF ETHICS

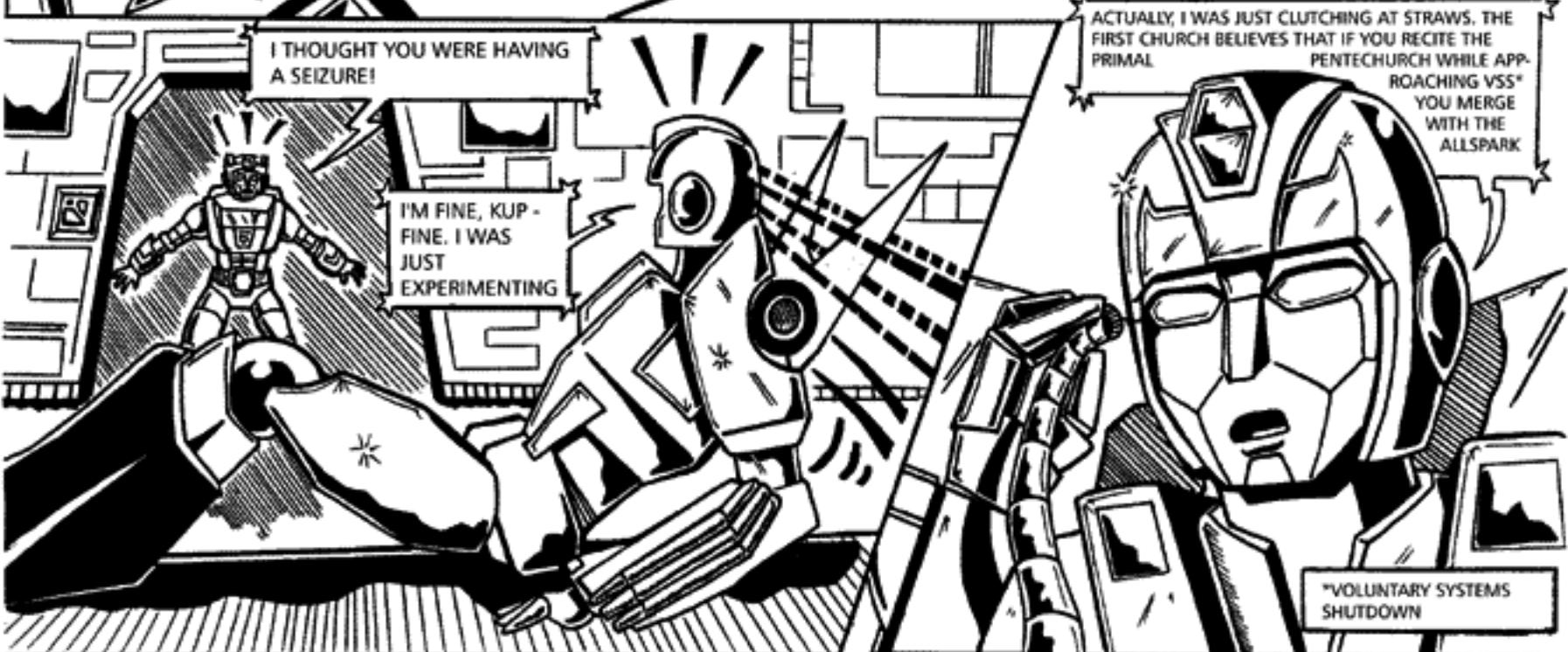
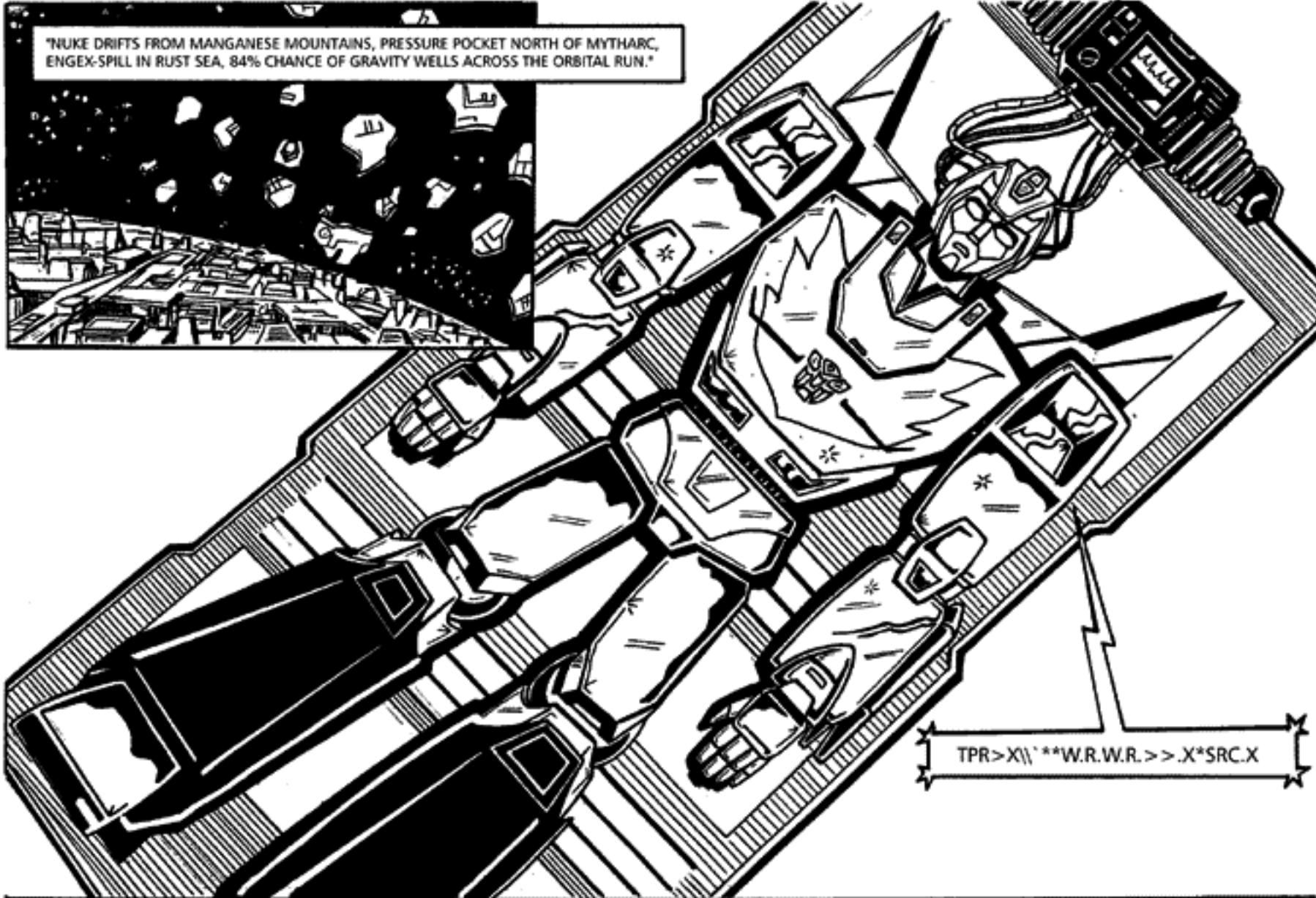
IT'S A BLANKET BROADCAST  
HE'S BOMBARDING THE  
SOUTHER TERRITORIES.  
THERE'S A CONTACT NUMBER,  
YOU WANT ME TO CALL?



CERTAINLY NOT. YOU  
MIGHT AS WELL GO  
OUTSIDE AND WAVE A  
RED FLAG.



"NUKE DRIFTS FROM MANGANESE MOUNTAINS, PRESSURE POCKET NORTH OF MYTHARC, ENGEX-SPILL IN RUST SEA, 84% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RUN."



AND YOU THINK THAT  
WOULD SOMEHOW  
BANISH UNICR--

KUP! REMEMBER THE RULES!  
NEVER USE HIS NAME!

SORRY TO HEAR THAT. I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT PERCEPTORS  
ARRANGED NIGHTBEAT'S TRANSFERRAL FROM DELPHI. HE SHOULD BE HERE  
IN A FEW BREEMS. OH, AND COSMOS HAS DETECTED GEO-FRAGMENTS  
CLUSTERED AROUND ORBITAL CO-ORDINATES 250/801 - HE THINKS THEY'RE  
THE REMAINS OF MOONBASE 2. THEY'VE BEEN HANGING THERE SINCE 2006.

LOOK, I'M SORRY... I'M JUST  
FRUSTRATED. MY EXORCISM

RESEARCH IS GO-  
ING NOWHERE.  
I'VE READ ALL THE  
CREATIONST LIT-  
ERATURE - RIGHT  
BACK TO THE  
KEEPER'S  
JOURNALS -

AND IT'S TOLD  
ME NOTHING  
NEW

I THOUGHT COSMOS WAS SUPPOSED TO  
BE WITH MIRAGE AND THE OTHERS.

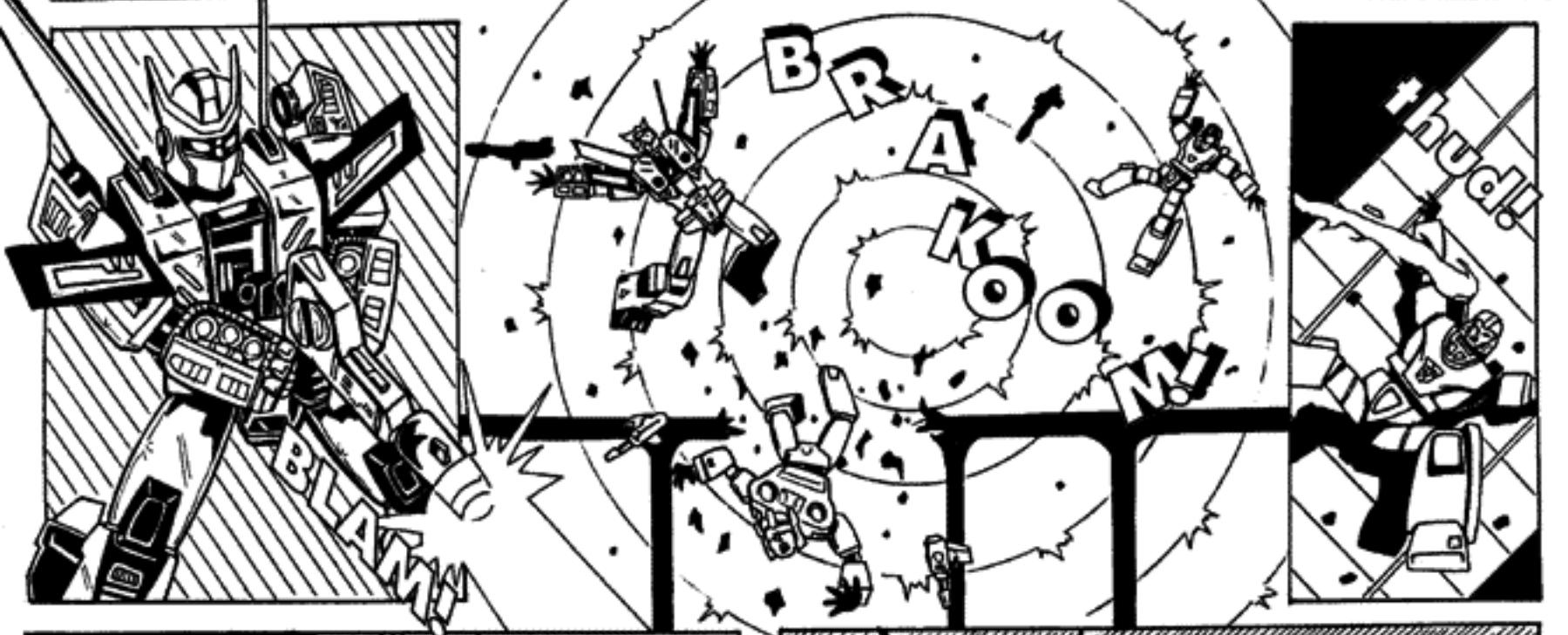
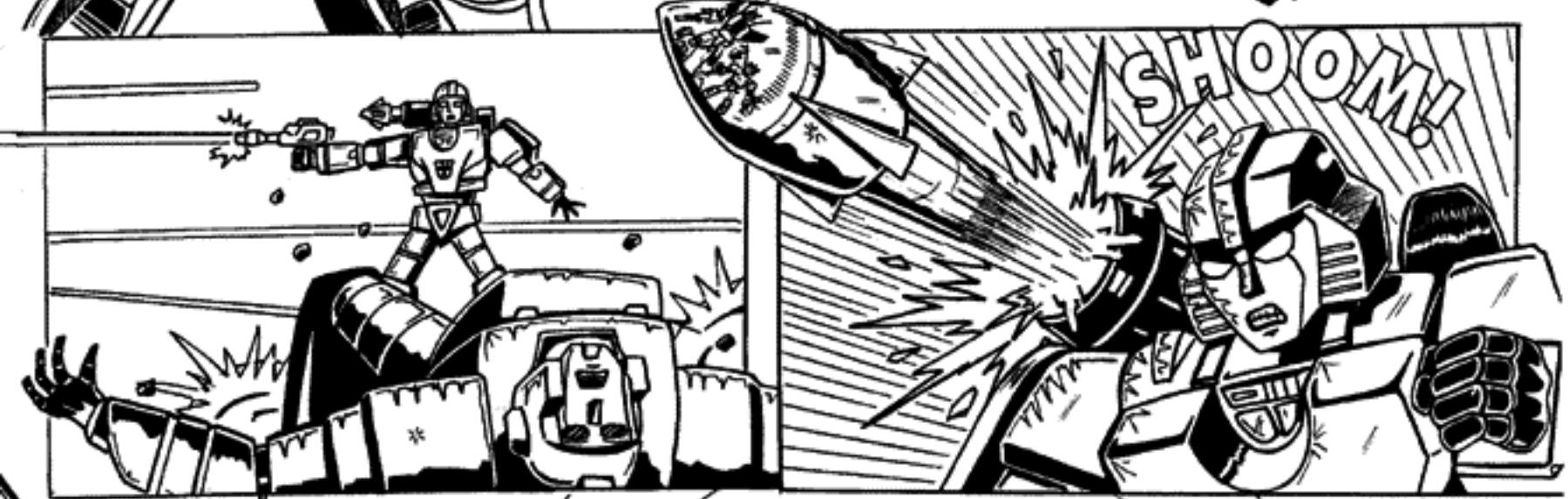
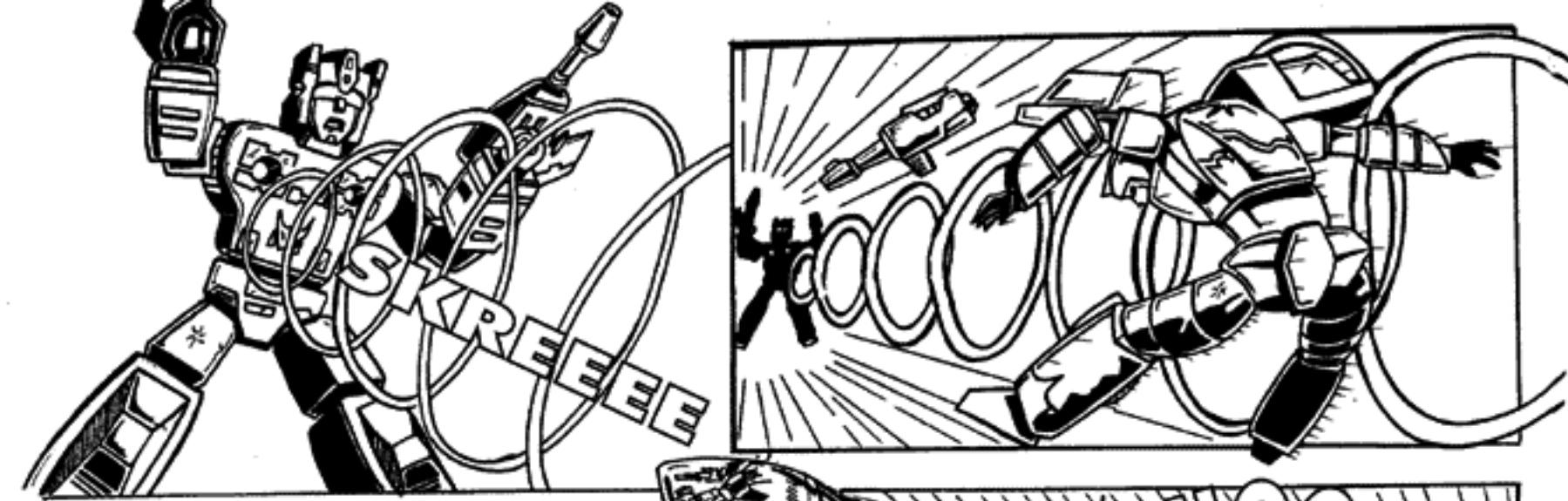
THE HELEX TRIP?  
NO - THUNDERCLASH  
DOWNSIZED THE TEAM.

HE SAID THAT A SURVEILLANCE MISSION DIDN'T NEED FOUR PEOPLE.

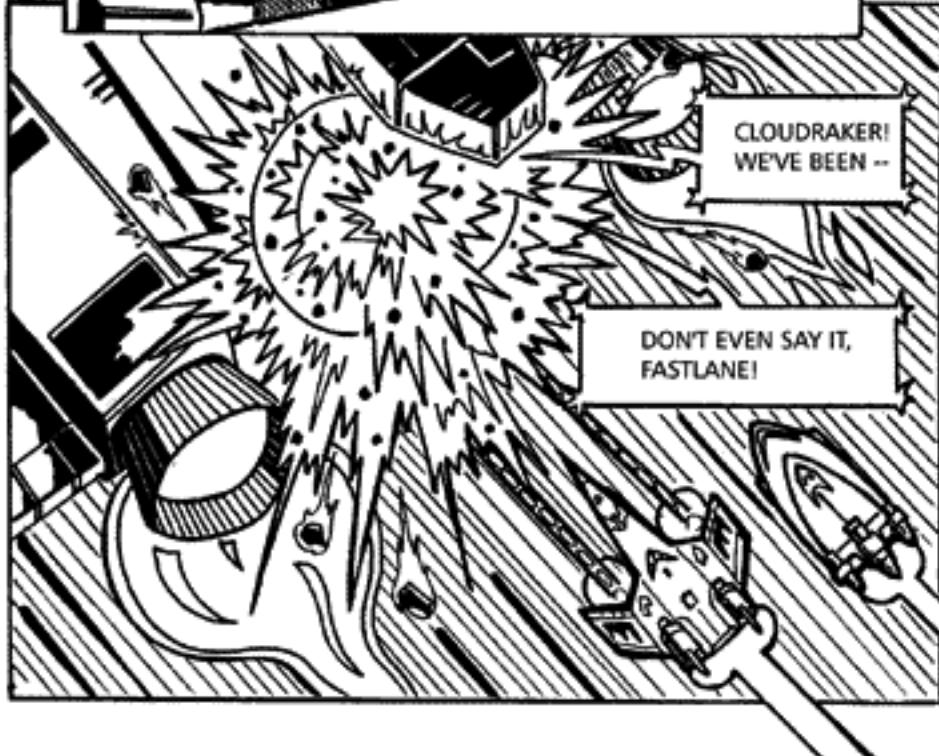
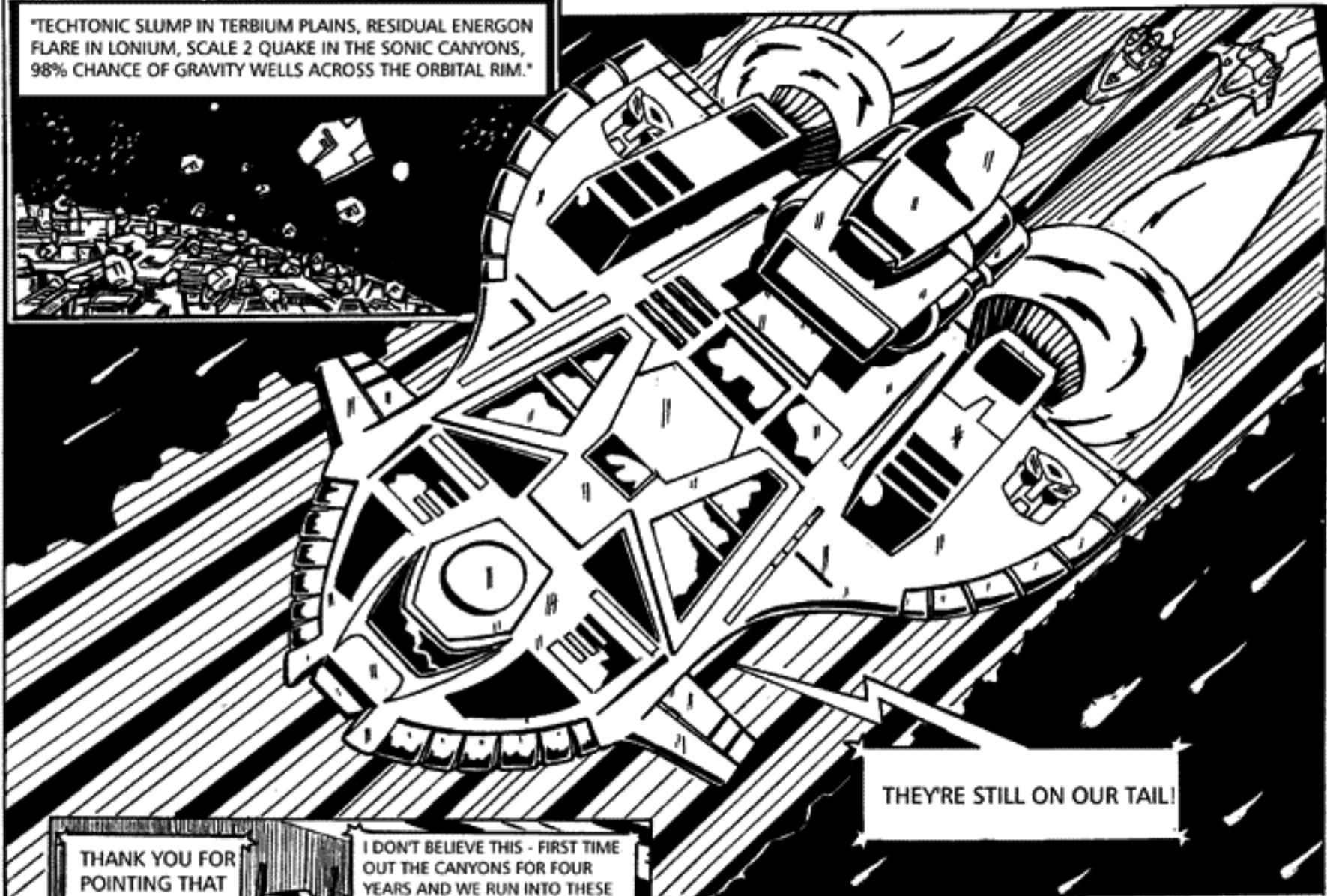
WELL?

WELL WHAT? LET'S GET  
THIS OVER WITH.

BLAM!



"TECHTONIC SLUMP IN TERBIUM PLAINS, RESIDUAL ENERGON FLARE IN LONIUM, SCALE 2 QUAKE IN THE SONIC CANYONS, 98% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RIM."



"RISK OF HEAVY SHOWERS."

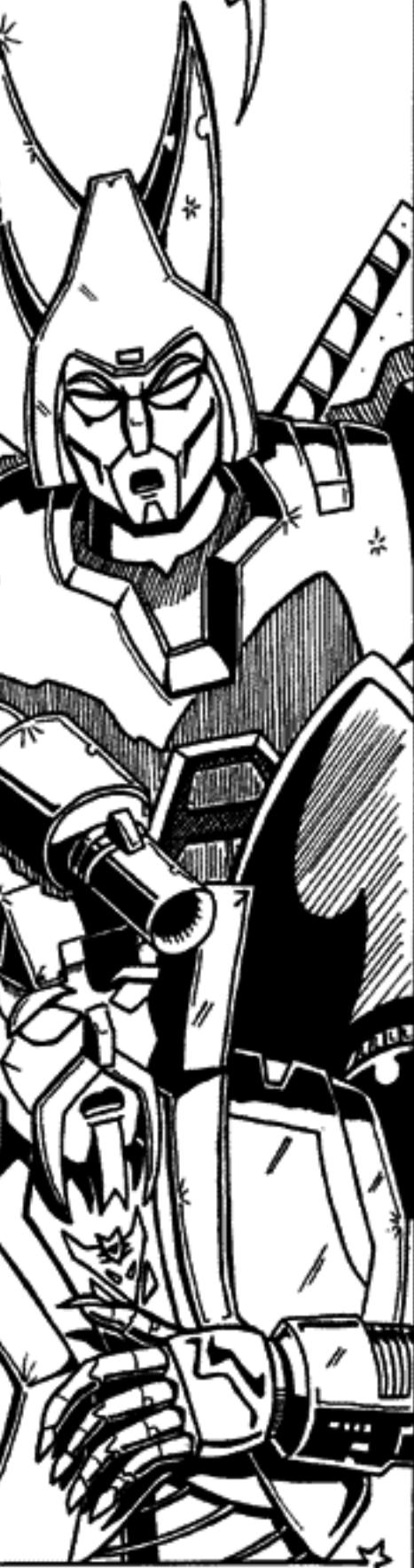
WHAT THE HELL IS  
HAPPENING? IT'S  
RAINING METAL!

BACK OFF! IT'S  
TOO DANGEROUS.

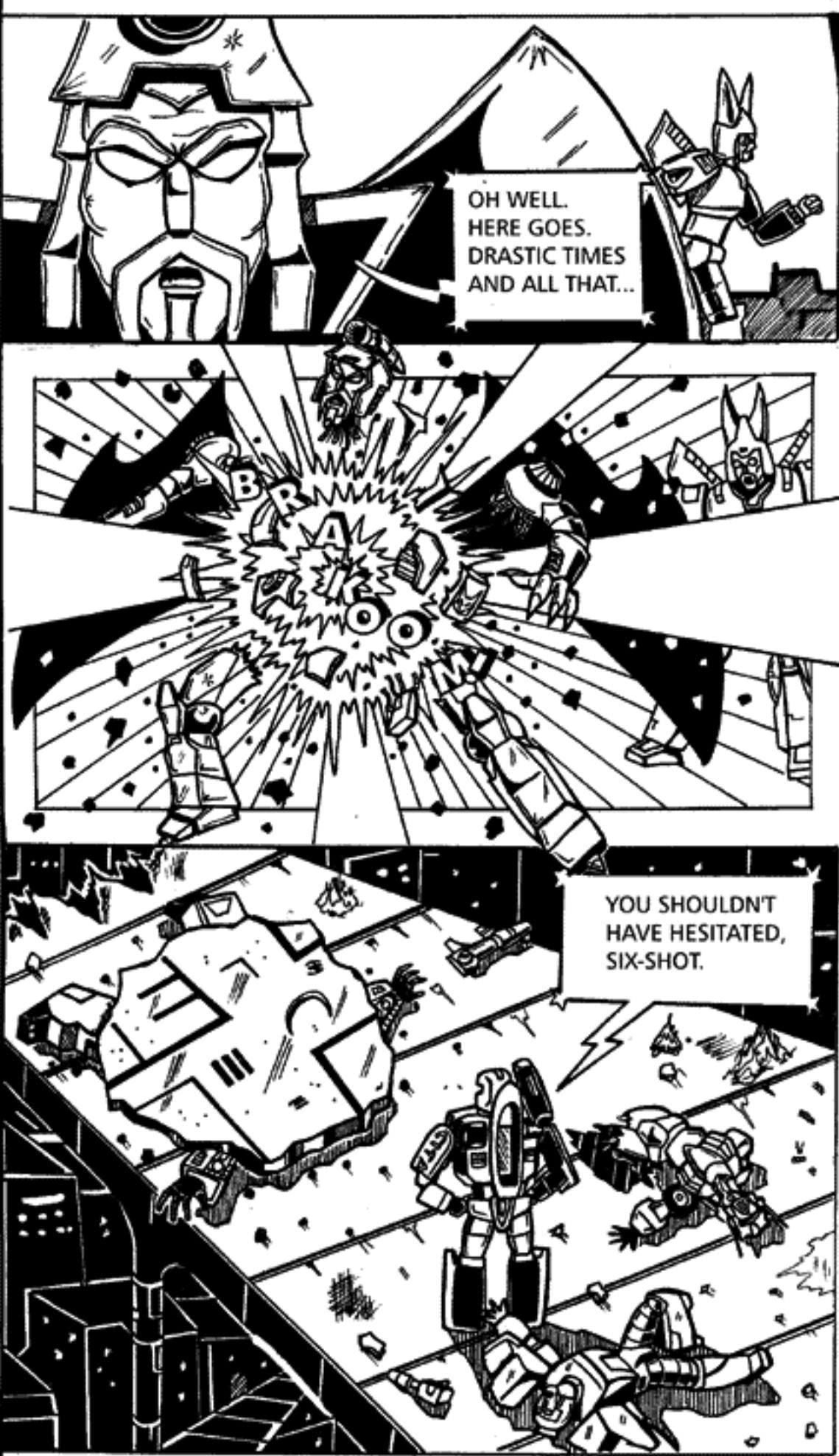
THEY'RE HEADING TO-  
WARDS IACON. AT  
LEAST WE KNOW THE  
NEW BASE IS SOME  
WHERE NEAR THEIR  
OLD STOMPING GROUND.

YOU SCANNED THE SHUTTLE,  
RIGHT? WHO WAS ON BOARD?

NIGHTBEAT, FASTLANE  
AND CLOUDRAKER. WHY?



OH WELL.  
HERE GOES.  
DRASTIC TIMES  
AND ALL THAT...



YOU SHOULDN'T  
HAVE HESITATED,  
SIX-SHOT.

OH, JUST CURIOUS.  
NO REASON.

IT'S STARTING, JUST AS I  
KNEW IT WOULD.

I WON'T MAKE THE SAME  
MISTAKE.



DECEMBER 22ND, 2012

AND YOU SAY THIS PARTICULAR PIECE IS FROM THE  
VERY CORE OF MOONBASE 2?



YES. IT'S ABOUT 56  
MILLION YEARS OLD. A  
GENUINE PIECE OF PRIMON-  
ERA CYBERTRON! THE  
CHANCES OF IT SURVIVING  
PLANETFALL AND LANDING  
ON OUR DOORSTEP ARE  
ASTRONOMICAL.



VERY EXCITING, PERCEP-  
TOR, BUT I GET THE FEEL-  
ING THERE'S SOME-  
THING  
YOU'RE  
NOT  
TELLING  
ME.

I EXPECTED THE MARKINGS ON THE FRAGMENT TO RESEMBLE  
THOSE WE FOUND AFTER THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG IN TENE, BUT  
THEY DON'T. I'VE CROSS-CHECKED THEM AGAINST EVERY VOCAB-  
CODE AND DIALECT FROM THE GOLDEN AGE ONWARDS, AND I'M  
CERTAIN OF ONLY ONE THING. WHATEVER THEY ARE...



I SUGGEST YOU THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE FOUND BEFORE  
MAKING YOUR REPORT TO THE REST OF HIGH COMMAND.

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH THE  
FRAGMENT? I NEED TO STUDY  
FURTHER.



SEAL IT INSIDE THE SCI-LAB IN  
EOCRA, WITH ALL THE OTHER  
EVIDENCE, AFTER ALL...

"... IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE."



"SS/LONG/PERSONAL LOG ENTRY: I THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT THAT THE TREATY WOULD BE DERAILED, PUTTING ALL OUR GROUNDWORK TO WASTE. THANKFULLY, HOWEVER, THE DISTURBANCE WAS CONTAINED. SIDESWIPE'S MEN LED THE NEW ARRIVALS - ALL OF WHOM WERE UNDERSTANDABLY TRAUMATISED - TO A PLACE OF SAFETY..."



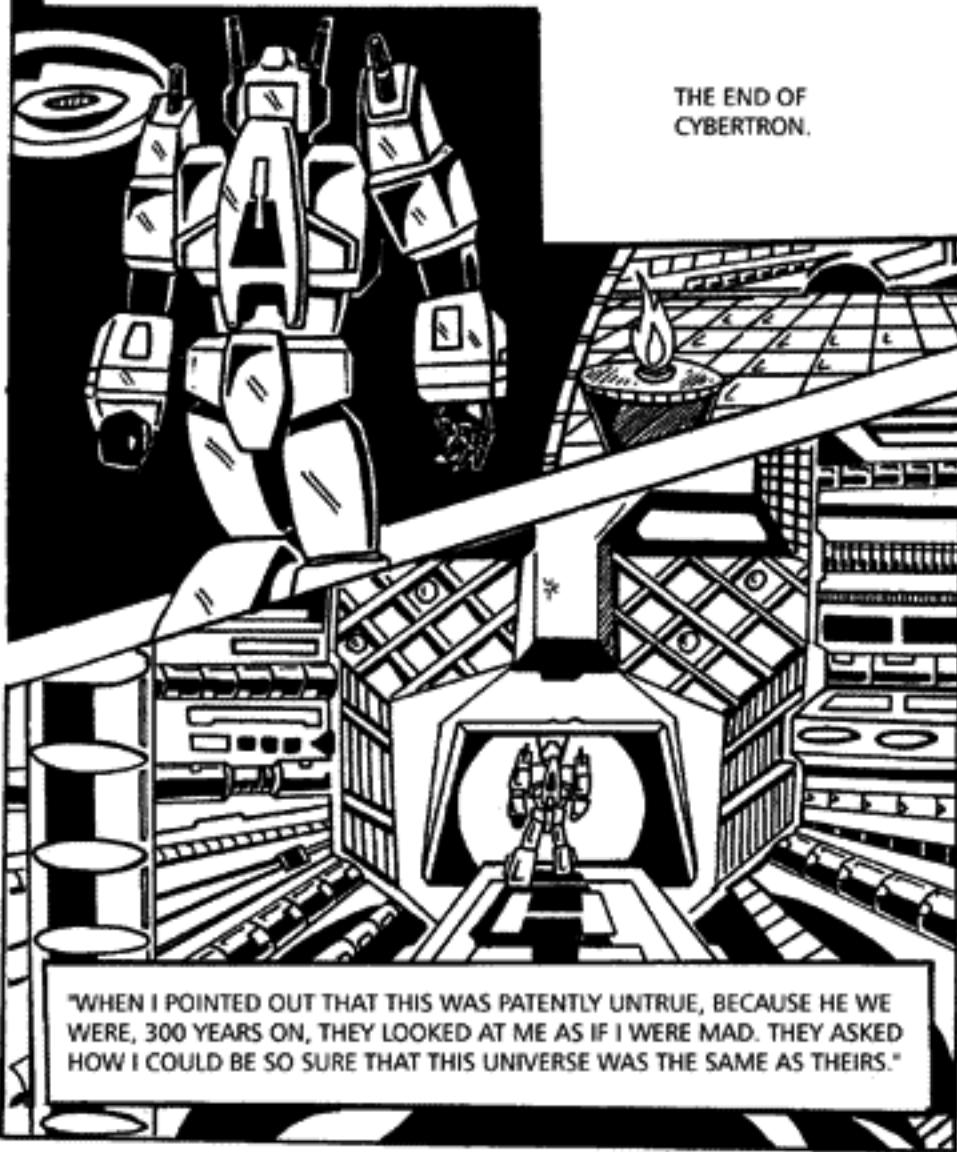
"...WHERE THEY WERE INTERVIEWED BY OUR BEST COUNSELLORS."



"ALL 13 OF THEM WERE CLEARLY DELUSIONAL. THEY CLAIMED TO BE NEUTRALISTS FROM THE YEAR 2013. THE STREET THAT BROUGHT THEM HERE FORMED PART OF THE SCI-LAB IN EOCRA, AN OLD IAONIAN SUBURB. ACCORDING TO SEISOR, WE'D WITNESSED A TEMPORAL FLASH, WITH A FRAGMENT OF THE PAST BEING SUPERIMPOSED ON THE FUTURE. AT THIS POINT IN INTERVENED."

"WHAT STRUCK ME MOST WAS THEIR ATTITUDE. EVEN AFTER THEIR COUNSELLING, THEY MAINTAINED THAT THEY WERE GLAD TO ESCAPE THE YEAR 2013. WHEN ASKED WHY, THEY SAID THAT THEY'D BEEN WITNESSING THE END OF THE WORLD."

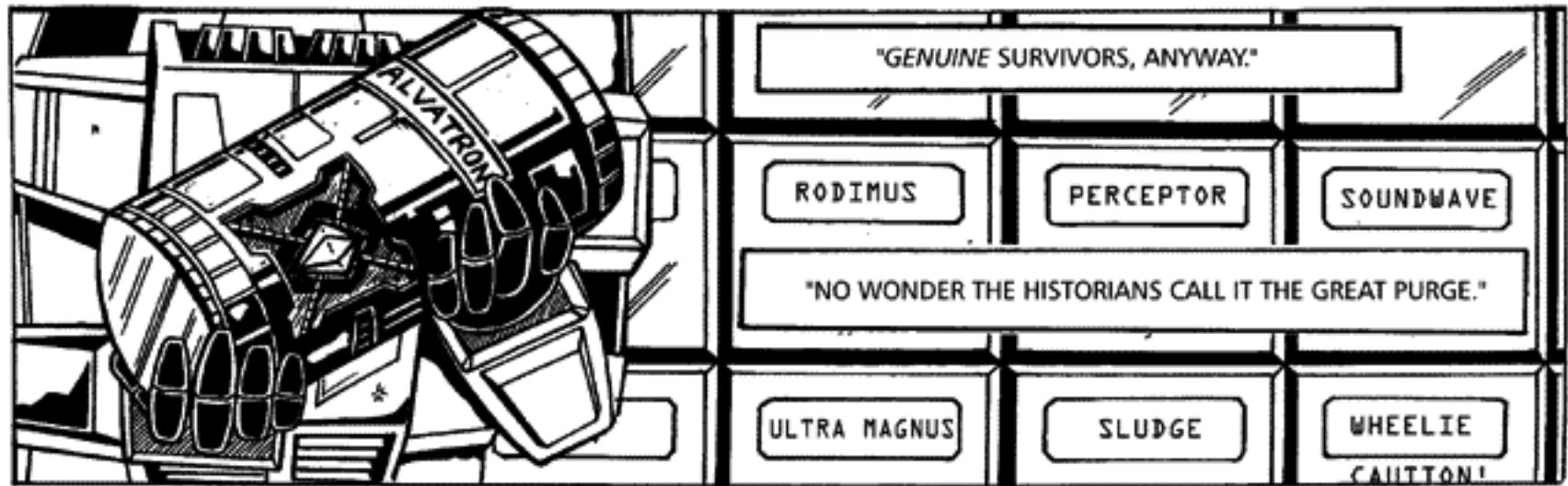
THE END OF CYBERTRON.



"WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS PATENTLY UNTRUE, BECAUSE HE WE WERE, 300 YEARS ON, THEY LOOKED AT ME AS IF I WERE MAD. THEY ASKED HOW I COULD BE SO SURE THAT THIS UNIVERSE WAS THE SAME AS THEIRS."

"CLEARLY, WHATEVER HAPPENED IN 2013, IT WAS SOMETHING BIG. I'LL HAVE TO SEARCH THE MINISTRY'S MEMBANKS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THAT PERIOD. I'D ASK A TROOPER FOR AN EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE SO FEW SURVIVORS FROM THAT PERIOD."





## POSTSCRIPT

"AND THERE IS THE ACCOUNT OF ALPHA POINT, AND MOUNT ST HILARY, AND THE 13 NEUTRALISTS."

"THERE ARE STORIES OF COINCIDENCE, AND CHANCE, AND INTERSECTION AND STRANGE THINGS TOLD, AND WHICH IS WHICH, AND WHO ONLY KNOWS..."

"AND IT IS THE HUMBLE OPINION OF THIS NARRATOR THAT STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN ALL THE TIME, AND SO IT GOES, AND SO IT GOES."

"AND AS THE OLD TEXTS SAY, WE MAY BE THROUGH WITH THE PAST..."

"...BUT THE PAST ISN'T THROUGH WITH US."

TO BE CONTINUED IN  
*EUGENESIS: FIFTH EPOCH*  
A NOVEL FROM TRANSMASTERS UK